(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Purchase of isolators by DESU

26. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking entered into a deal with a party for the purchase of isolators at a much higher rate resulting in financial loss to the tune of Rs. 37 lakh;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the circumstances under which higher tender was accepted and the irregularities, if any, in entering into the contract with the party; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome theheof stating the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to part (a) above.

Demand for polymers

27. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progressive percentage of rise in the demand for polymers and other petro-chemicals during the last three years (till date) stating the progressive gap between demand and supply during these years;

(b) what are the details of the ongoing petro-chemicals projects stating the present position with regard to their completion and the extent to which the gap between the demand and supply of polymers and other petro-chemicals is estimated to be bridged on their completion; and

(c) whether Government propo to resort to import to meet t demand of polymers and other petr chemicals; if so, what are the deta thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTR (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) a (c) The average annual rate growth in demand of major petr chemicals during the last three yea has been as follows:

(i) Polymers	12 to 13
(ii) Synthetic fibres	25 to 30
(iii) Synthetic rubber	8
(iv) Raw material for synthetic detergents	18

Gap between demand and supp during these years varied fro around 60% in the case of raw m terials for synthetic detergen around 50% in the case of polyme and synthetic rubbers and less th 10% in the case of synthetic fibre

The deficit is and will continue be covered through imports. In t case of polymers, even though i ports are permissible on OGL, actual users (industrial), bulk i ports are being organised throu IPCL and STC to facilitate avai bility to small scale units.

(b) In the Maharashtra Gas Crack Complex (MGCC) which is due mechanical completion in 19 2,75,000 tonnes of polymers will produced. However, as the dema for polymers continues to grow, it likely to again outstrip the domes availabilty of polymers soon af commissioning of MGCC.

Modernisation of Guwahati refin

28. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKR VARTY: Will the Minister of PE ROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any pr gramme for the modernisation Guwahati Refinery in veiw of